

Buckland Newton Fete 2017

It's a few days after the fete and I'm writing this with the rain cascading torrents down my study window. How fortunate we were this year to have such a spectacular day for our event. Memories still linger of the sounds of gentle jazz and angelic choral music drifting across the field, wafting on the breeze together with the delicious aroma of burgers sizzling on the BBQ and fresh fried fish and chips. Mums and Dads enjoying a Pimms while kiddies romp on the bouncy castle, laughter as pooches and pups parade around the arena. This year was a resounding success, reflecting the enthusiasm, camaraderie and often Herculean efforts of all of you who were involved.

The Novelty Dog Show as ever was one of the highlights of the afternoon, slickly managed by Di & Brian Wells with the help of our MC extraordinaire Geoff Lewis. This year we had a new judge, Vicky Sands from the Newton Clarke Veterinary Practice in Sherborne. Many thanks to Vicky who had the unenviable task of choosing the winners with the knowledge that everyone thought their precious four-legged friend should be champ!

Our BBQ chefs, Jon Sulkin and Peter Wilkinson coped magnificently in the heat with queues building as word got round that something rather delicious was going on. What a team! All sold out by 2.30pm, and we thought our estimate of 100 burgers was rather generous. Toiling under the full sun and scorched by the fiery heat of coals, this made Masterchef look like a walk in the park!

Cheery chums Andy Waring and Nick Baker, who must be the two most genial bartenders in the county, ensured that their excellent Beer, Cider and Pimms oiled the wheels of the fete again. Congratulations guys, and also a huge thanks for keeping the community spirit going, in more ways than one, over the past year with your ever popular pub nights.

This year's gold award must go to Janey and Chris Hildred and the return of Stuff 'N' Things. Truth be told, the day before the fete Chris' garage more resembled the return of Steptoe & Son as it seemed everyone in the village had taken the opportunity to offload their unwanted treasures! But those two have the touch of Midas, raising a whopping £707 between them from the pile of other folks' throwaways. Well done!! I would also like to thank them both for the beautiful presentation of the planters at each end of the village, which they dress up every year for the occasion, as well as maintaining them throughout the year.

There are too many of you wonderful people of Buckland Newton who support us year- in year- out to thank individually, and I know the beneficiaries of the funds you have raised are extremely grateful. I would just like to mention a few of you without whom the fete would not be the success it is:

- Rodney Cuff and his Parish Council team for their support and allowing us to use the Parish Field
- Mr. and Mrs. Johnston of Thurnwood Farm for kindly allowing us to use their field for car parking

- John and Nick Baker for the loan of their truck and help in setting up
- Trevor Marpole for his technical wizardry
- Equinox - Rachel Olley, Tony Chamberlain, Norman Adams, David Morris and Simon Spencer - for their melodic music and use of their PA for announcements
- Our marvellous MC and compère, Geoff Lewis
- Sue Sulkin and the Village Hall Committee for all their help and support
- The very generous raffle sponsors:
 - Our villagers - Martin Perrett, Mandy & Mat Jarvis and Jenny Workman.
 - Local Businesses – Henley Hillbillies, Flyte So Fancy, BNG Auto Service, Grassby's, Hall & Woodhouse, Jaspers Hair Salon and Castle Gardens.
- The late and wonderful Barbara Caplen. Barbara sadly passed away just a few days before the fete. She was a kind and generous sponsor for many years, and even in her last few weeks, took a keen interest in our progress. We shall miss her.
- Finally, your fete organising team: Jane Willis (publicity and with a special thank you for organising our lovely post-fete supper), Amanda (teas) & Vinny McKenna (treasurer), Jenny Workman (raffle) and Mandy & Matt Jarvis (stalls). Mandy, Mat and Vinny have decided that they do not wish to continue in the fete team. I'm sure you will want to join me in thanking them for their hard work and contribution to the fete's success and wishing them well for the future.

The fete's financial performance was excellent, with takings, at £6170, 31% up on last year (£4725). There was also a very pleasing 8% increase in profit to £3897 (£3604 last year) despite the additional costs of marquee hire, tea table replacements and advertising signs. This enables us to distribute £3775 to village beneficiaries (£2850 last year) and retain a small amount towards next year's costs. The full accounts are shown at the end of this report.

Going forward, there are two key vacancies in the team – that of a stalls coordinator and a treasurer. The only skill required for both is to be a good organiser, and, in the case of the treasurer, an ability to work with numbers and spreadsheets. Most importantly I'm looking for team players who can contribute to the development and future success of the fete. Please contact me now if you'd like to be involved as filling these roles is vital to the success of the fete next year.

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Buckland Newton Fete 2017 Financial Results

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>Change</u>
<u>Takings</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>%</u>
Pimms & Beer Marquee	1019	541	88%
Raffle	712	872	-18%
Stuff n Things	707	0	
Teas	625	897	-30%
Ice Creams	432	311	39%
Bottle Tombola	260	270	-3%
BBQ	257	0	
Plants	238	289	-18%
Home Produce	228	210	9%
Jewellery	226	223	2%
Cakes	213	153	39%
Books	203	285	-29%
Lucky Programme	154	0	
Chuck A Chicken	103	77	33%
Fish & Chips Donation from Takings	100	100	0%
Other Donations	100	39	156%
Dog Show	70	85	-18%
Pony Rides	66	140	-53%
Coconut Shy	57	0	
Putting	56	54	4%
Fortune Teller	54	57	-5%
Basket of Veg	50	0	
Disco Dome Donation	50	0	
Hoopla	45	0	
Pirate Treasure	26	0	
Artisan Cheese Stall Donation	25	0	
Honey and Candles Stall Donation	25	0	
Name the Bear (inc Nature Trail 2016)	19	36	-47%
Find The Pig Stall Donation	15	0	
Church Stall Donation	15	0	
Little Goslings	11	0	
Buckland Newton Gallery Donation	10	10	0%
Gingerbread		42	-100%
Crafts		27	-100%

Beat the Goalie		10	-100%
Total Takings	6170	4726	31%

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>Change</u>
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>%</u>
Marquee	-465	0	
Pimms & Beer purchases	-450	-219	105%
New Table for Teas	-303	0	
Ice Cream Purchase	-259	-203	28%
Insurance	-186	-221	-16%
Teas purchases	-163	-110	49%
New Advertising Signs	-154	-41	276%
BBQ expenses	-111	0	
Portaloos Hire	-80	-108	-26%
Halsey Choir Expenses	-30	0	
Rubbish Collection	-21	0	
Liquor Licence	-21	-21	0%
Sundries	-12	-75	-84%
Raffle Tickets	-11		
Lucky Programme	-5		
Equipment & prizes for stalls		-9	-100%
Electrical parts for Parish Rooms		-31	-100%
Car Park		-47	-100%
Buntings, cleaning materials etc.		-37	-100%
Total Expenses	-2273	-1122	103%
PROFIT	3897	3604	8%

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>Change</u>
<u>Distribution of Income</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>%</u>
Church	600	600	0%
Defibrillator	300	300	0%
Gardening Club	175	150	17%
Village Hall	750	750	0%
Youth Club	500		
Allotment Society		250	-100%
Village Planters	125	125	0%
Lunch Club	500	500	0%
Equinox	75	75	0%
Village Website		100	-100%
Replacement Bell Ropes, Holy Rood Church	500	0	
Little Goslings	250	0	
Total Distributions	3775	2850	32%
Retained Profit for Fete Equipment Renewal	122	754	-84%
Total Profit	3897	3604	8%